

A decorative border of green pine trees surrounds the text. The border consists of a single row of trees at the top and bottom, and two vertical columns of trees on the left and right sides. Each tree is a stylized green pine with a grey shadow.

# Rio Grande National Forest Bureau of Land Management

## Holiday Tree Cutting Rules

1. Christmas Tree Permits are \$8.00 each. Limit is (5) permits per household..
2. Tree transplants permits are \$10.00 each with 10 permits as max limit.
3. It is discouraged to cut Ponderosa Pine Trees within the Conejos Peak Ranger District due to the unavailability of this type of tree within the area.
4. Please do not cut trees within the Conejos Canyon, as it is part of the Scenic Byway.
5. Trees can be up to 5 inches in diameter at shoulder height. You should cut your trees as close to the ground as possible. Your stumps should be no higher than 12 inches.
6. Be sure you are on the National Forest or Bureau of Land Management before selecting trees.
7. All trees must be at least 100 feet away from any campground, picnic areas, or roads. **NO CUTTING ALLOWED IN WILDERNESS AREAS.**
8. Pinecones are free (up to ½ bushel) for personal use.
9. A small amount of boughs are permitted with the purchase of Christmas Trees. No more than 5 branches per standing tree should be cut. If you want boughs only, a free use permit is required and is available at all District Field Offices.
10. Forest Service does not blade roads for snow removal. Dress warm and have emergency equipment handy.
11. Keep vehicles on roads, **“Tread Lightly on Public Lands”**.
12. “Pack It In, Pack It Out”.
13. Select your tree in a group that is in need of thinning. After selecting your tree attach your permit tag to the tree prior to loading it.
14. If you are interested in cutting on BLM please talk to your local Forest Service /BLM Office in Saguache and Conejos Peak Ranger Districts.